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U.S. Says British Flotilla Has Supplies for 90 Days

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WASHINGTON, April 30 — British officials have told the United States that the fleet near the Falkland Islands could sustain operations for 90 days, and the Pentagon has therefore not made contingency plans for resupplying it, Administration officials said today.

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said in his statement on the crisis this morning that "the President has directed that the United States will respond positively to requests for matériel support for British forces."

"There will, of course, be no direct United States military involvement," he added.

A senior official told reporters this afternoon that British requests for help so far have been moderate. Other officials said that included requests for fuel stored at an American base on Ascension Island, which is governed by Britain.

The senior official also said that historical connections between the United States and Britain would continue, which indicated that the United States would continue to share intelligence with the British fleet and would possibly expand operations.

The United States has two intelligence-gathering satellites over the South Atlantic now, compared with six or eight for the Soviet Union. But the American satellites were said to be of

limited value because they are photographic surveillance devices hampered by the long nights and cloudy weather in the Southern Hemisphere.